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SEANTOR VANCE'S BILL.

A curious application of the principle of the legislation which the silver men of the country are urging upon Congress is shown in a bill recently intreduced by Senator Vance. As every one knows the proposition of the silver men is that the Government shall purchase, say four and a balf million dollars's worth of silver bullion every month, and issue, upon that deposit in the Treasury, silver certificates which shall have all the qualities of money and be a legal tender.

The objection to this scheme is that its effect might be to dump the silver product of this and every other country on the United States Treasury, and that without the legal tender quality to be imposed by law, certificates issued upon such deposits would be in the nature of mere warehouse receipts. The certificates would simply represent the value of the goods stored.

Now, Senator Vance's bill refuses to confine the Government's operation in this direction to silver. He contends that silver is not the only product which has value or upon which certificates representing value may be founded. Accordingly, his bill requires the Government to purchase cotton, wheat, corn, outs and tobacco and to provide proper storage for them. It calls for the creetion in every county in the United States of a Federal warehouse where the owners of agricultural products may deposit the same. It also provides that such depositors of agricultural products shall receive from the Treasury eighty five per cent, of the value of their products in notes of the Upited States, these notes to be a part of the public currency.

Strange as the purport and scope of this bill may seem, it is earnestly supported by the great body of the Farmers' Alliance and by the Knights of Labor. The truth is that the wildest ideas are affoat as to the character, volume and efficiency of current money, and as to But there is nothing, inherently, more absurd in a Government plan of purchasing cotton and issuing certificates on its value than in a scheme whereby the Government purchases silver and upon it issues currency to its full

valuation. A CHRISTIAN EDITOR.

The Rev. Dr. Talmage, who is nothing if not sensational, has recently added to his many instances of questionable and eccentric speech the striking saying that "an editor may be a Christian." The Doctor states that be has been led to this admission by his knowledge of several favorable specimens of the journalistic profession.

If a retort ever proved anything or helped any cause it might be sufficient to answer the Brooklyn divine by saying that it is also possible for a preacher to be a Christian. But possibly it may be better to remind him of what he may have temporarily forgotten. namely, that any man may be a Christian who accepts the Christian law and makes his life conformable thereto.

In addition to this it may be well to say that an editorial position gives exceptional opportunities for the exercise of the Christian virtues. When justice should be done it occupies a front place in its advocacy. When mercy should temper justice the editor's influence is invariably conspicuous.

Only those who know the interior of newspaper offices can approximately estimate the number of reputations that are purposely saved from wreck, and the number of homes that are kept from ruin through journalistic discretion. In Mr. Talmage's own experience newspaper forbearance and charity have been marked characteristics, and it is safe to say that he would never have achieved his present position but for editorial aid and favor. He should be fully persuaded in his own mind that in no posttion is there more charity toward human fallings or a more vital and energetic Interest in human progress than in that of an editor.

An editor a Christian! We should soy so. He has more opportunities in that way than any other man. We cannot say that every editor is a Christion, for we happen to know some discouraging specimens. But we have no hesitation in saying that every editor ought to be.

SUNDAY REST.

Nobody opposes Sanday rest. But to bring back the "Sabbath observance" that some self-styled reformers are contending for would turn back the wheels of time for more than a century.

It may be perfectly true that "every citizen needs one day in seven for rest to be at his best for the longest period." But this does not necessarily mean that it is the business of the Government to compel the people to rest on a particular day of the week or to prescribe for them what, on that day, they should or should not do.

The theory of Sabbath obligation is egislation should not interfere. St.

day slike," and, in effect, he inculcates honor on observance just us he is "peris a day of the week of such sacred obligation as to require the stoppage of less pass again? milk wagons and many other convenlences of clyfligation cannot be sustained apart from theological dogma.

The pount writen was momentarily raised in regard to the genuineness of the picture known as the "Angelus," painted by Millet, and which was purchased last year by Mr. Sutton at the Secretan sale in Paris, has been wholly removed by the statement of Mr. Walters, the well-known connoisseur and collector of Baltimore. It was alleged that Millet's famous picture had been in Mr. Walters' collection for years, and that the picture bought by Mr. Sutton was a mere repiles. Mr. Walters explains that what he had was not the picture itself, but the original design of it in black and white, and this he has still, it never having been out of his

Russia was not only refused to take any part in the Berlin International Labor Conference, but she objects that the effect of such a conference will be to add economic superiority to the inilitary preponderance already exercised by Germany over Europe. In a sense this is a confession of conscious weakness on the part of Russia. It is. in a measure, unwilling testimony to the military greatness of Germany. Nevertheless, Germany's real greatness will only develop when her military quorum. system is abandoned, and, when that is done, she will be found leading the nations of Europe-perhaps those of

the world-toward a new epoch. THE MOVEMENT FOR federation in the Australian colonies, following the experiment made in the Canadian provinces, really points in the direction of independence. The Legislature of Great Britain, which is intensely selfish and regards the interests of the "tight little island" as niways paramount, will do nothing which can possibly promote the separate advantage of the colonists. The idea of imperial federation is too cumbrous and slow, and would secure for the colonies none of the benefits they now desire. Independence is the proper outcome of the present agitation, and when that is arrived at the Australian States will be the most powerful nation of the southeastern or (which is it?) the southwestern seas.

BISHOP DUDLEY of Kentucky, in an address in New York recently, said concerning the race question:

Some say that the remedy is to send the negroes back to Africa. Why, you might as well try to send the Irish back to Iroland, or any other foreign peoples who have come here and settled. They won't go. They are citizens of the United States, and they know what that means. They are in the South to stay, and the South needs the negro. He is the only possible laborer to bring out its natural resources."

It may not be just the proper thing to say of a reverend Bishop, but we cannot refrain from remarking that Bishop Dudley's head is eminently level.

THOSE who HAVE visited Cairo, not the duties and powers of government. in Egypt but in Illinois, and have handsomest member of the House, de- titled "Chicago Will Fulfill Her looked upon the function of those magnificent rivers, the Ohio and Mississippi, and watched their three-mile-wide majestic sweep just below the southern angle of the levee, will find their bosoms swelling with patriotic pride because at present the confluence of those streams, by reason of the floods, covers fifty miles from shore to shore. Where else have they such rivers and in what other country could they afford so much

THE GOVENEMENT leader in the Engish House of Commons has moved for the adoption of a report of the Parnell Commission, which found certain persons guitty of conspiracy. But with an inconsistency which gives away the whole case, Mr. Smith announced that the commission was not appointed to punish, and that nothing further would be done in the matter. For a parliamentary leader Mr. Smith (the Sir Joseph Porter of "Pinafore") showed himself canable of considerable unconscious

WHILE ENGLAND, PORTUGAL AND GERMANY are looking with jealous eyes upon the movements of each other in Africa, France, unobserved, has been apidly extending her possessions in the 'dark continent." The latest news is that France is about to annex the Kingdom of Dahomey. This is the teritory which England and Portugal did their utmost to civilize, but with no conspicuous success. France may succeed where others have failed.

THE STENOGRAPHERS of New York have a fine club with 300 members. It is a mixed club-that is, both men and women shorthand writers belong to it. The club is doing a good work among the members of the swift-writing profession. It is proposed by it to form a National Short Hand Association. This would doubtless be of great benefit to the profession, which is mostly made up of bright and intelligent people.

THE CRITIC has no disposition in any way to discourage the methods which are now adopted to inforce the merit system in the civil service of the Government. But it must admit its doubt as to the practicability of Mr. Lodge's bill requiring a competitive examination in the case of fourth-class postmasters. In many localities the difficulty now is to get suitable persons to accept the fourth class offices at all.

THE LONDON (England) Lancet favors wood pavements as against either asphalt or macadam. Wood pavement answers very well in a damp climate like foggy London, but in this variable climate, with hot, dry seasons alternating with cold, wet ones, wood has proven a failure. For Washington nothing yet tried does as well as asphalt.

THE NEW YORK devotees of Australfan ballot reform have presented a monster petition to the State Legislature in favor of their particular political fud. There were 77,000 signatures. purely a religious matter, with which | The sheets were bound together in a huge volume eight and a half feet Paul says: "One man esteems one day thick. On the back of the big book becoming to her.

above another; another esteems every | the following inscription was lettered: "Petition in Favor of Ballot Reform the true doctrine of liberty when he Volume I." The interesting question urges that a man should or should not srives, how many such volumes will it require to cause Governor Hill to sunded in his own mind." That there change his views and sign the Saxton bill, which the Republicans will doubt-

trains and newspapers, of street-cars. Gazperone is said to use postal cards mere than any twenty other men in public life. Last month he was in vited to be present at a festival given in behalf of a charitable enterprise. He sent his declination on a postal card. At the close of the festival the card was put up at auction and brought the amazing sum of \$80. Truly, Mr. Gladstone's opportunities for doing good are many and great.

WHERE DOES Senator Dolph get his definition of "sedition" Webster detines the word as meaning "the raising of commotion in a State, not amounting to insurrection." In what way does it become applicable to the press publication of what happens in executive sessions of the Senate? Or is the Senate going to get up a new diction-

law, would it not be a good idea to compromise on an hour unit of work with an hour rate of pay, instead of continuing to go by the day unit and a day's arbitrary rate of pay? EFFORT AMONG the Democrats of the House is not directed now so much

country in regard to the eight-hone

CAUGHT HERE AND THERE.

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Mr. Chauncey M. Depew claims that he never suffers from indigestion, notwithstanding the great number of dinners he attends, because he rarely partakes of more than two or three dishes. no matter how elaborate may be the menn, and confines himself in the matter of wine to champagne. I was thinking about Mr. Depew yesterday morning while waiting for the G-street herdic at Fifteenth street and Pennsyl vania avenue, when a gentleman passed me who looked so fresh and ruddy, and stepped with so much alertness, that he at once attracted my attention, A man probably five feet eight, and A man proposity live feet eight, and while not stoutly, compactly built. His hair and side whiskers, worn in the English style, were an iron gray, and his eyes a kindly blue. The morning was warm, and he had no overcoat, but his walking suit fitted him to perfec-tion. The coat, a three-button cutaway, lavender pantaloons, and the hat, all looked as if they been worn for the first time. He was evidently going to the White House to call upon the President for he entered the gate nearest to the mansion. As we met almost face to face, I saw that I had been observing Mr. Andrew Carnegie, whose dinner to the Inter-national American Conference, on Tuesday night, is said to have been the finest ever served in Washington. Mr. Carnegie must be a disciple of Mr. Depew, so far as cating and drinking is concerned, because notwithstanding the temptation to lie in bed after pro-longed dinner the night before, he was, at 9 o'clock in the morning, out bright and attending to business.

Hon, Charles H. Gibson of Maryland, clares that he has received undue praise for his skill in cooking terrapin. He says that the credit is not due to him, but to an old colored "mammy" who lives in the country near Easton, Mr. Gibson's home. The old woman ob tained the recipe from Hon. Thomas H. Bayly of Accomac County, Va., in whose family she lived for many years. Mr. Gibson heard of the famous ter-rapin stews the old woman prepared, and after repeated visits obtained the formula by the judicious presentation of sundry bright-colored handkerchiefs. The genial Maryland Congressman guards the secret well, and while always ready to entertain his friends on rapin, is very reticent as to how he has cooked the delicious dish.

Lovers of equestrian exercises are rejoicing over the fact that Mr. Alexander Gregor, the second secretary of the Russian Legation, has returned to Washington, and will remain here until the early summer. Mr. Gregor is a bachclor, good looking and very rich. He is an ardent admirer of all that relates to horsemanship, and was largely instrumental in getting up the hunts which were so popular a year or two since. With the assistance of Messrs. Robert Neulle, Dick Wallack and George Heller, Mr. Gregor will, at an early day, commence giving a series of hunts, at which handsome prizes will be awarded to those who are in at the

WHITE HOUSE CHANGES.

Mrs. Harrison's Idea of Remodeling the Executive Manslon.

Life in the White House could and should be made more comfortable for the inmates by some necessary changes. says A. J. Halford in the March "Ladies' Home Journal." Talk of a new President's House is sometimes heard in the discussion of the question. But this would be the poorest and worst disposition of it that could be made. The traditions and associations of nearly century cluster around the White House as the home of the President. and it should remain such. Beautiful for the situation, it could not improve

in this respect by a new location.

Naturally Mrs. Harrison is deeply interested in the matter, and her views are worthy of consideration. She ap-proves more heartily the suggestion of Secretary Blaine. That is to tear away the present conservatory on the wes end and crecting in its place a wing or extension in which the executive of-fices shall be placed. Then, on the east side of the house, fronting the Treasury Department, build a conservatory opening out of the East Room and over that make a picture gallery the whole being so arranged as to be thrown open together on occasions of large gatherings, such as public recep-tions. With these improvements, or others that shall serve the desired pur-pose, the White House will be in all respects the ideal home of the family of the President of this great nation, and far more than now worthy of the dig nity and importance of his position

The Rev. Carrie Bartlett's Pulpit Garb. Miss Carrie J. Bartlett spent yester

day in the city visiting friends. As the pastor of the First Unitarian Church at Kalamazoo, Mich., she has been very successful, and is deeply interested in her pastoral work. She has adopted a peculiar and very pretty ministerial garb of black, which is very

America According to rumor ther will eventually go to housekeeping in South America

weeks since.

Tuesday evening. Among the guests present were ex-Secretary and Mrs. Bayard, who are in the city for a short visit to Mrs. Clymer. Miss Nel Bayard is also visiting Mrs. Bayard. Mr. Russell Harrison has returned

White House. Vice-President Morton and party are at St. Augustine, where they are the guests of Henry M. Hagler. Upon their arrival at that city yesterday an informal reception of the citizens was held, as the Vice-President was to catching the Speaker's eve as to averse to having a public reception tendered him as the people had wished. The court of the hotel was, however, brilliantly lighted by thousands of colored lamps, while a pyrotechnic display was given in Alcazar Park. As the Vice-Presidential party witnessed this from the botel balcony, the band played

Mrs. Dahlgren entertained a large number of guests last evening at the second of her series of four readings. Mr. Charles Dudley Warner read an original selection and Mrs. N. S. Lincoln an original poem.

Pennsylvania.

is in New York for a short stay. New York society was agreeably en New York society was agreeably entertained Tuesday evening by some amateur theatricals given at the residence of Mrs. J. T. Gilbert. Among the plays rendered was "The Mad Tea Party," from "Alice in Wonderland," with the following cast: allee, Miss J. Turniere: The Hatter, Mrs. Cooper Hewitt, March Hare, Miss Hewitt, The Duchess, A. Murray Young, and The Mock Tartle, H. M. Jones, who arranged the play. The ones, who arranged the play.

WILL FULFILL HER PLEDGES.

of the World's Fair, The following leading editorial in the

Chicago Morning News this morning is who by many ladies is considered the telegraphed from that city. It is en-Pledges," and says:

in circulation in the last few days concerning Chicago's present attitude toward the Columbian exhibition carry out the great enterprise according to her pledges. It is sufficient to say that no such doubt or shadow of doubt exists. All reports to the contrary are fabricated by petty minds that, having suffered defeat, now seek to kill the exhibition which has been placed beyond their reach.

'It is certain that the Quadri-Centennial Fair will be held and that it will be held in Chicago. Though val-uable time is being wasted—through no fault of hers-Chicago stands prepared to build in two years a greater fair than the world has yet seen. Should Congress decide to postpone the opening until 1893, Chicago will use the added year of preparation to make the fair a grander success. But this city

asks for no postponement.
"At Washington Chicago outbid all her competitors. To say that this great municipality will not fufill her every pledge with the utmost exactitude is to cast unwarranted aspersion on her honor. With a bona fide fund of at least \$5,000,000, and with a ready method at hand of raising another \$5,000,000, there is a bolutely no ground for doubting her ability to make her

pledges good.
"The way to success in the vast up dertaking is perfectly clear. The sneer that Chicago hesitates as to her future se is as foolish as it is false. This city has no request to make of Congress save for authority to move forward at once with the construction of the great international fair. The necessary appropriation for a Government exhibit concerns her no more than it concerns

every pledge which she has made. The personnel of the committee that started for Washington yesterday to confer with the members of Congress in regard to the terms of the perfected World's Fair bill is a sufficient guaranty that the city will not be found lacking in any particular."

NO PAITH IN SOUTHERNERS.

The Reasons Why Mrs. Harrison Will Not Visit the South, For some time past, says a dispatch to the Baltimore Sun, Mrs. Harrison and Postmaster-General and Mrs. Wanamaker have had under contemplation a trip to the South, intending to visit some of the principal cities and points of interest. Both Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Wanamaker are very anxious to go, and the President has been very anxious to have them go, but the Postmaster-General has not been able to get away from his office to accompany

It is now about settled that the pro-It is now about settled that the pro-posed trip will be abandoned, partly on account of the pressure of public busi-ness in the Postoflice Department and partly because the Postmaster-General feels that in spite of the many kind in-vitations he has had he would not be a welcome visitor to a large element of Southern society. He does not want to accept a hospitality which he would believe was merely assumed and not believe was merely assumed and not sincere, and the tone of some of the Southern newspaper criticisms of him has been such that he fears that he might be made to feel that he was an

THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefore will give a dinner of twenty-six covers to right, followed by a dancing re-ception, at which 150 to 200 guests, in-cluding Mr. Charles Tupper, son of Sir Charles Tupper, and Mr. Chap-man of Canada will be present.

Miss Twiggs, since the close of the season, has been busily engaged in the study of the Spanish language, as she will soon leave for a visit to South is a strong probability that Miss Twiggs

Miss Irena Forrest has returned from a visit to New York, where she has been since early in January. Dr. Frank T. Chamberlain is receivcongratulations of his friends upon the birth of his first son several

Miss Wilkinson of Baltimore has Miss Wilkinson of Baltimore has been the guest for some time past of Mrs. Starring, whose daughter, Mrs. Foster Barham, is still detained by the contest over the will of her grand-mother, the late Mrs. Conine of Balti-more. Mrs. Foster-Barham's husband is the English Consul at Pau.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Miner Goodlet who have been since their marriage with Mrs. Wales at her residence on K IN VIEW OF THE agitation now going street have gone to housekeeping at on in Chicago and other parts of the 1602 R street.

Justice Field gave a dinner party

his Southern trip and is at the

patriotic airs.

Representative and Mrs. Breckin-ridge have moved from 1921 Sixteenth

street to Capitol Hill.

Senator Don Cameron will give his annual dinner to-night to the farmers of

Mr. Edwardes of the British Legation Cheshire cat was an important figure in the cast, and the hit of the evening was made by the dancing of the Lobste

"Many absurd rumors have been put which has been virtually awarded to her by Congress. They represent the citizens' committee as being in doubt on the subject of the city's ability to

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